UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Norfolk Division

ROBERT WAYNE GRUBB,
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Petitioner,
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v.

ERIC D. WILSON, Warden,

Respondent.

Case No.: 2:15-cv-355

FINAL ORDER

Before the Court is a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. ECF No. 1. In his Petition, the pro se Petitioner seeks resentencing without ACCA (Armed Career Criminal Act) enhancement pursuant to the recent ruling in Johnson v. United States, 135 S.Ct. 2551 (June 26, 2015). On January 20, 2016, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, on behalf of the Respondent, filed a Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction. ECF No. 8. This case was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (C), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b), and Local Civil Rule 72 for a report and recommendation. The Report and Recommendation was filed on March 9, 2016, and the Magistrate Judge recommended the Petition be dismissed without prejudice for lack of jurisdiction. ECF

No. 9. By receiving a copy of the Report and Recommendation, the parties were advised of their right to file written objections to the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations. Id. at 7. Neither party filed an objection.

The Court, having reviewed the record with no objections, agrees with the Report and Recommendation on the grounds stated by the Magistrate Judge and ADOPTS and APPROVES the Magistrate Judge's Report and Recommendation filed on March 9, 2016, ECF No. 9, in its entirety as the Court's own opinion. It is, therefore, ORDERED that the Petition, ECF No. 1, be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE and PETITIONER IS ADVISED that his claim for relief under Johnson v. United States, 135 S.Ct. 2551 (2015) does apply retroactively, see Welch v. United States, No. 15-6418, U.S.__ (April 18, 2016) (slip op.) (holding that the Court's decision in Johnson was a new substantive rule of law that applies retroactively in cases on collateral review), and that Petitioner therefore must file a § 2255 petition in the district in which he was sentenced, delineating his prayer for relief pursuant to Johnson before the one year statute of limitations expires on June 26, 2016. See 28 U.S.C. § 2255(f)(3). Further, because this may be a successive habeas petition, Petitioner may need to seek authorization for a second petition from the Fourth Circuit.

The Petitioner may appeal from the judgment entered pursuant to this Final Order by filing a written notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Court at the Walter E. Hoffman United States Courthouse, 600 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510, within sixty days from the date of entry of judgment. Because the Petitioner has failed to demonstrate "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right," 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2), pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 22(b), this Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 335-36 (2003).

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to forward a copy of this Order and the Application for Second or Successive Relief to the Petitioner and counsel of record for the Respondent.

It is so ORDERED.

Rebecca Beach Smith
Chief Judge

Rebecca Beach Smith Chief United States District Judge

Norfolk, Virginia
Date: Opil 22, 2016